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## CRANBERRY GLADES OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY.

The Cranberry Glades are located in Pocahontas county about twenty miles from the Virginia border in a depression among the Yew Mountains. The glades are a former bog or swampy region which has been caused by the raising up of the mountains about them and from the water seepage which seems to have been fairly great. The glades, at an elevation of 3,400 feet, lie between Black Mountain on the East, Cranberry Mountain on the South and Kennison Mountain on the Southwest. Recently CCC boys built a road into the heart of the Glades off State Route 39 about five miles west of Mill Point on U. S. Route 219.

Cranberry Glades is the largest and most widely known glade area in West Virginia. There is another glade region in Preston county but it is not nearly as large as this one in Pocahontas county.

The vegetation, here, is characteristic of a region of the latitude of Southern Canada. This is probably due to the fact that in the travel of the ice sheet southward seeds from these northern plants were carried southward. Several other factors may have contributed to the placing of different plants in this region, such as streams, the wind, migratory birds, and man. These plants established themselves in the Glades because the soil here was characteristic of their natural habitat.

Rivers. Cranberry River has its head saters in Granberry and Black Mountains with small streams emptying into it all along its course. Cherry River has its head waters in the Yew Mountains on the north. All these streams drain this region known as the Glades.

The plants characteristic of the Glades are:

Cranberries, hawthorns, moss-lichens, orchids, Southern

Chain Fern, Sundew, Bog Rosemary and other swamp vegeta
tion. In these glades are found two types of Cranberries

both of which are edible in variety, and of the same

apecies as those in the bogs of Massachusetts which are

used commercially.

There are several trailing species of the family (Vacciniaceae) genus (oxycoccus) but only two are found in the
glades of Pocahontas county, they are smaller (0. oxycoccus) and larger (0. macrocarpus). Both are trailing vines
bearing small evergreen leaves which are dark and shining
above, glaucous below, revolute at the margin, ovate, lanceolate or elliptical in shape and not more than a half inch
long. The inconspicuous flowers which appear in May or
June, are small and stalked, having a four-lobed, rosetinted corolla, purplish filaments and anther-cells forming
two long tubes. The globular or pyriform fruits or berries